

MEETING NOTES

JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, August 9, 2000 - 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Room 305, State Capitol Building

Present: Hunter Finch proxy for Scott Carver, Kevin Christensen, Ferris Groll, Reed Richards, Kevin Youngberg proxy for Ron Stallworth, Leo Lucey proxy for Kirk Torgensen, Rep. Lamont Tyler and Kevin Youngberg

Excused: Steve Davis, Russell Hagood, Gary Heward, Leon Jensen, John Macdonald, Dan Maldonado, Richard McKelvie, Vince Meister, Don Mendrala, Derek Pullan, Merv Taylor, Karen Watkins and Sherm Watkins

Staff: Marvin Dodge and Diane Ngatuvai

Agenda Item: Welcome and Approval of Minutes

Chair Reed Richards welcomed all present. *A motion was made by Ferris Groll to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, June 7, 2000 meeting. The motion was seconded by Rep. Lamont Tyler and approved unanimously.*

Agenda Item: Introduction of New Council Coordinator

Reed introduced Marvin Dodge, the new USAAV Council Coordinator. He is taking over the position that Mary Lou Emerson previously held. Reed welcomed Marvin to the Council and expressed confidence in his abilities. Marvin explained that he will continue to manage the substance abuse and/or treatment grants at CCJJ. He is hoping that by bringing grant money under the USAAV umbrella the Council will be in a better position to coordinate between law enforcement and substance abuse. Marvin is hoping to increase USAAV's visibility with the grant involvement.

Agenda Item: Drug Lab Decontamination Work Group Report

Rep. Lamont Tyler reported that the June 5th draft of the drug lab decontamination bill did pass the

Agenda Item: Review of H.B. 18, “Funding Formula for Alcohol Offenses Enforcement”

The USAAV Council determined at their last meeting that the Justice Committee determine a policy for the enforcement action for the cities and towns that are not complying with the reporting requirement for the alcohol funds that they receive. Of the 260 towns that receive money, approximately thirty have not reported; however, the sums they receive are very minimal. The statute was reviewed by the committee. *A motion was made by Rep. Lamont Tyler to recommend to the USAAV Council that it adopt a policy to not take action on amounts lower than \$1,000. However, for those receiving more than \$1,000 the funding be withheld if no report showing legitimate use of the funds is forthcoming. The motion was seconded by Kevin Christiansen and was unanimously approved.* Rep. Tyler suggested that CCJJ staff members make every effort possible to contact those that do not get their reports in before this action is taken.

Agenda Item: 2000 Justice Committee Legislative Priorities

Marvin reminded the committee that the Council made a motion to focus on three top priorities this year: methamphetamine, domestic violence and club drugs (GHB, GLB, etc.) The legislative priorities need to be ready for the Council at their September meeting. Reed suggested that Diane Stuart and the chairman of the Domestic Violence Council be used as resources for the domestic violence recommendations. A suggestion was made to invite Scott Reed and Heather Stringfellow to the next Justice meeting to advise what direction the committee might take to be the most effective regarding the club drugs. There was agreement on pushing the methamphetamine clean-up bill as a top priority this year.

Agenda Item: Utah Field Hearings of Senate Judiciary Committee

Marvin reported that he attended the Senate Judiciary Committee Hearings with Senator Orrin Hatch held in Salt Lake City on July 6th. He noted that the main issue of the hearings was methamphetamine and its devastating effects on all aspects of society. Marvin emphasized that the Governor and CCJJ are intending to make a tremendous push on meth issues. Governor Leavitt is pulling together a task force to examine the various ways that methamphetamine is affecting state government.

Agenda Item: Drug Court Funding Announcement

Marvin reviewed a handout which listed the new drug courts announced by Governor Leavitt in a press conference and the funding that would be extended to each; as well as the existing courts and their anticipated funding. The total new funding for fiscal year 2001 is \$1,361,250.